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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING SEPTEMBER 5 (SALT TWO-774)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING, SEMENOV MADE FORMA PLENARY STATEMENT REHASHING THEIR POSITION ON ARTICLE XIII (NON-CIRCUMVENTION), ARTICLE XIV (NON-TRANSFER) AND PARA 3, ARTICLE XVII (VERIFICATION). WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER ARTICLE, HE REPEATED THE FORMULA THAT HE HAD GIVEN TO ME IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION ON SEPTEMBER 3, I.E. THAT BY DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES THEY MEANT "THOSE MEASURES OF CONCEALMENT, WHICH ARE DELIBERATELY AIMED AT IMPEDING VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OBLIGATIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT." I MADE STATEMENT ON PARA 2 (B) ARTICLE XVIII (XCC PROCEDURES), TABLING SLIGHTLY REVISED TEXT WHICH I HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN HIM AT OUR PRIVATE MEETING OF AUGUST 28 (SALT TWO-754).

2. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION I FOLLOWED UP ON PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVIII, AGAIN PRESSING HIM FOR THEIR SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS TO OUR LANGUAGE FOR AGREED STATEMENT AND URGING THAT WE GET DOWN TO NEGOTIATING ON LANGUAGE, RATHER THAN THEIR CONTINUING

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TO REPEAT THAT THEY FOUND OUR TEXT OBJECTIONABLE. IN RESPONSE,

HE SAID IT WAS "NOT BY ACCIDENT" THAT THE PLENARY STATEMENT TODAY REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION ON SEPTEMBER 3 ON THIS SUBJECT. WE AGREED TO RETURN TO SUBJECT AT OUR PRIVATE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9.

3. ALTHOUGH IN HIS PLENARY STATEMENT ON ARTICLE XIII, HE MADE NO SPECIFIC METNION OF THEIR PREVIOUS PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARY UNILATERAL US STATEMENT ON FBS, IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE REPEATED THEIR POSITION ON THIS AND SAID THAT HE PLANNED AT SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING TO MAKE PLENARY STATEMENT ON FBS.

4. I GAVE HIM OUR DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE XX, AND HE ENGAGED IN SOME SPECULATION (IN WHICH I DID NOT PARTICIPATE) ON HOW THIS COULD BE APPLIED TO TEXT OF NEW AGREEMENT IN ADDITION TO EXAMPLES I HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN HIM ON BANS, SCC PROCEDURES AND SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.

5. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9.
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